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TAGS: NATO, PETH DINS, AND 194-113.
SUBJECT: SOVIET INTENTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

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1. 1700- ENTIRE TEXT

2. DURING OCTOBER 9 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING,
CANADIAN REP MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 5 OF REF
9, BEING REPEATED TO OTTAWA REGARDING CURRENT
CANADIAN INCLINATION TO LOOK MORE ON IMPLICATIONS
OF AFGHAN INSTABILITY FOR PAKISTAN THAN ON LIKENESS-
SDO THAT THAT INSTABILITY WOULD PROVOKE DIRECT
SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN. WE HAD PREVIOUS-
LY PROVIDED CANADIAN REP WITH COMMENTS TRANSMITTED
REF A AND REPEATED THEM IN RESPONSE TO CANADIAN
INTERVENTION IN PULASKI. ON BOTH OCCASIONS, CANADIAN
REP REGISTERED OTTAWA'S INTEREST IN RECEIVING FURTHER
INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING SOVIET MILITARY
ACTIVITIES NORTH OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER, WHICH
MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN REASSESSING THE CANADIAN ATTITUDE
TOWARDS A POSSIBLE APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS AND WE
NOTED THAT WE HAD MADE A STANDING REQUEST THAT WASH-
INGTON KEEP USUP-TO-DATE IN THIS REGARD (REF C).

3. NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN
ISLAMABAD AND THE LOCAL TASS REPRESENTATIVE IN WHICH
THE LATTER COMPLAINED THAT, AS WITH TARAKI BEFORE HIM,
AMIN WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT ADVICE AND WAS PRESSING
REFORMS IN A RUDE AND HASTY WAY WHICH EXACERBATED
DIVISIONS WITHIN THE TRIBAL AFGHAN SOCIETY.
THE AMBASSADOR, NETHERLANDS REP ADDED, INTERPRETED THESE
REMARKS AS POSSIBLY INDICATIVE OF SHRINKING SOVIET
BACKING FOR AMIN. WEITMAN.

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